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Mr. Barry S. McChire Railroad Switching Service of Missouri, Inc. 102 Willow Drive, P.O. Box 99 O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

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Re: SHPO Project Number: 022-SLC-05 - Proposed rail abandonment, St. Louis City, Missouri (STB)

Dear Mr. McClure:

Thank you for submitting information about the above-referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

Staff of the State Historic Preservation Office have reviewed the additional information provided for the proposed sale of rail right of way in St. Louis City, Missouri, including the bridge which traverses Interstate 70, which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Because the sale would be to the Trust for Public Land for the purposes of a pedestrian/bioycle trail, it is our opinion that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on the National Register of Historic Places eligible bridge.

Please be advised that, if the project area is increased, cultural materials are encountered during construction or adjacent areas that may contain significant cultural resources may be adversely impacted, appropriate information must be provided to this office for further review and comment.

If you have any questions please write Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, Atm: Review and Compliance, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or call Alison Dubbert at (573) 751-7958. Please be sure to include the SHPO Project Number (622-SLC-05) on all future correspondence relating to this project. If the information is provided via telephone call, please follow up in writing for our files.

Sincerely.

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